LETTER. (draft MSS.) T.H.M.C. L.1958-57.

From Thos. Hardy
to Mrs Stebbing.

concerns bequest of Mrs Stebbing's father's
will £30.

Dear Mr Stebbing:

I return the paper signed (I believe correctly) [illegible]. I thank you for sending me the £30 left me by your kind partner, who really ought not to have taken the trouble to (as I know of his partners withdrawal etc.) Still no doubt it was a pleasure to him to do so.

It was remarkable singular that we should have got so attached to each other, since one has had a long acquaintance with so many men without getting any sort of warm feeling towards them.

Well as I said I told him of my interest having been originally rather towards worse than [illegible] more evil, or [illegible] I was correct in saying so, whether good results may have come from my being forced to take to [illegible]; & I still feel that I live in my scenes constructed in a page or two what in the novels are filled [illegible] scenes of pages.

I did as a boy see a woman hanged at Dorchester, & it rather startled me more to remember, with much emotion — I suppose because boys are like it. I might have been more hanging if I had walked for [illegible] living in London when 5 pirates were hanged at Newgate, & met the crowds returning from the spectacle.

Yours very sincerely

With Messrs. Lock Reed & Lock's compliments.

PARTNERS
~~JNO WILTON REED~~.
HENRY OSMOND LOCK.

24. High West Street,
Dorchester.

Add. Ms. 1941. 7.6. (6)

Note.

Hardy family.

dates of John & Elizabeth Hardy.

John Hardy
died July 27th 1844
Aged 62.

Elizabeth.
Died Dec 19th 1869
Aged 85 years

T.H.M.C.

Mary Hardy

(Thos. Hardy's grandmother.)

Extract from parish registers

of Tarley, Beds, giving her baptism in 1772.

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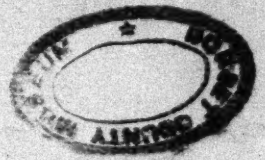
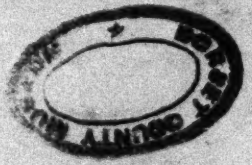
Fawley – Baptism of Mary Head – (afterwards Mary Hardy –)
Copy of Register, 1772

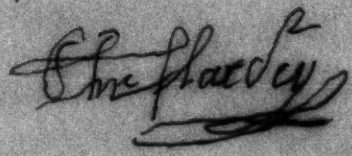
A true Copy of the Register of Fawley
in the County of
the Daughter of James and
and Mary his Wife was Baptized
the 30th 1773
Clerk

F.E. Hardy
Mem. Collection.





Signature of Christopher Hendy (c. 1623)



Signature of Christopher Hardy of
"Evershott" (living 1623)
From the Visitation Book of the County
of Dorset of the same date.

Brief M.S. note of what Thos. Hardy's father left & to whom.

T. H. sen^{r} Will.

	Personal.	Landed.
K.	£500	....
M.	250	....
T.	5	....
H. (residue)	....	& land & houses at Talbothays & Knighton
	755	

Personal Property —
(Nominal Value)

N. Eastern Ry 3% debentures	£	266
Consols 2 3/4	——	400
Queensland 4% 1915	——	100